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TUCSON MAN SENTENCED FOR DRUG AND GUN CHARGES

TUCSON, Ariz. - Angel Teodosio Baez, 30, of Tucson, Ariz., was sentenced vesterday to 15 years in federal prison by U.S. District Judge Cindy K. Jorgenson. Baez pleaded guilty on January 28, 2009, to charges of Possession with Intent to Distribute 118 Kilograms of Marijuana and Discharging a Firearm During a Drug Trafficking Offense.

On September 7, 2007, officers from the Tucson Police Department responded to Baez's residence after a 911 caller reported shots being fired in the area. Officers found Baez in the driveway with a gunshot wound to the right side of his face. Inside his residence they found shell casings, bullet fragments, marijuana residue, marijuana packaging materials and blood. They also found a bloodied loaded 9 mm semi-automatic handgun, a loaded magazine and approximately 188 kilograms of marijuana in bloodied garbage bags in the desert behind Baez's residence.

After being advised of his rights, Baez admitted that an unknown armed gunman accosted him at the threshold of his residence where he had stored the marijuana. Shots were exchanged and the gunman ran off. Baez then removed the marijuana and the firearm from his residence and threw them over the fence. Baez has a prior conviction for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in Pima County Superior Court and was on state parole at the time of this offense.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Tucson Police Department. The prosecution was handled by Shelley K.G. Clemens, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson.

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